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of this Application:

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Class:

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Customer No.: 00919

Prior Application: 09/411,080

Group Art Unit: 3653

Examiner: Jeffery A. Shapiro

REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application serial number 09/411,080 , filed on October 4, 1999, by William G. Hart Jr., et al. for APPARATUS FOR PREPARATION OF MAILPIECES AND METHOD FOR DOWNSTREAM CONTROL OF SUCH APPARATUS.

1. Attached is a copy of the prior application, including the specification, claims, drawings and declaration and power of attorney as originally filed.
2. Cancel in this application original claim(s) 1-12 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee for this application. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

3. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT**

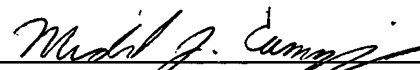
Basic Fee						\$ 770.00
Claims Fee	Number Filed		Number Extra		Rate	
Total Claims	6	- 20 =	0	X	\$18.00	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	X	\$86.00	= \$ 0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$290.00	= \$
Total Filing Fee						\$ 770.00

4. Please charge our Deposit Account Number **16-1885** in the amount of \$ 770.00 for the filing fee.
5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. **16-1885**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
6. This and the prior application are assigned of record to Pitney Bowes Inc.
7. A preliminary amendment of this application is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
8. Address all future communications to:

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9. I hereby verify that the attached application is a true copy of prior application serial number as originally filed on October 4, 1999.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his/her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so much are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.


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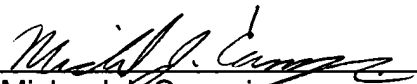
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Specification (17 pages), 5 sheets of original drawings, Request for Filing a Continuation Application Transmittal; Copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior Application Serial No. 09/411,080, Return Receipt Post Card and a Preliminary Amendment with Formal Drawings (5 sheets) was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on March 12, 2004. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EU475555821US.

Respectfully submitted,



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